

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION

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CROSS-REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATIONS

This application is a 35 U.S.C. § 371 filing of PCT/US2004/030233, filed September 15, 2004. PCT/US2004/030233 claims the benefit of U.S. Provisional Applications 60/503,617 and 60/504,501, both filed September 15, 2003. The disclosures of all of the aforementioned applications are incorporated by reference in their entireties for all purposes.

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Not applicable.

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ABSTRACT

The present invention relates to methods, polynucleotides, and polypeptides encoding immunogenic HIV polypeptides derived from different strains within an HIV subtype and/or immunogenic HIV polypeptides from different subtypes. Uses of the polynucleotides and polypeptides in combination approaches for generating immune responses are described. The combination approaches described herein have been shown to induce broad and potent neutralizing activity against diverse HIV strains from multiple strains within a given subtype and against diverse subtypes. Formulations of compositions for generating immune responses and methods of use for such compositions are also disclosed.

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